

**REMARKS**

The present amendment is being filed in response to the Advisory Action mailed August 21, 2006. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicates that all of the pending claims, 1-8, overcome the previous rejections and are allowable. Claim 9 remained withdrawn from prosecution. Pursuant to a teleconference between Applicant's Attorney and Examiner Batson it was determined that no further response from the Applicant would be necessary. Examiner Batson agreed to cancel claim 9 by Examiner's Amendment and issue a Notice of Allowance. However, due to the approaching deadline of September 13, 2006, Applicant's are hereby submitting this response in order to expedite the prosecution and avoid abandonment of this application. Therefore, the Applicant hereby cancels claim 9 and pays the three (3) month extension fee as requested by Examiner Batson, placing the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants' request for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) as well as Applicants' petition fee are enclosed herewith and filed simultaneously with this response. However, Applicant's respectfully disputes that any fee is necessary in this instance, as the Amendment, which placed the application in condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner, was timely filed on June 9, 2006. However, responsive to the Examiner's assertion that a three (3) month extension is required, the Applicant hereby submits said fee.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone


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Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard. Applicant respectfully requests that the present application be allowed to proceed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

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